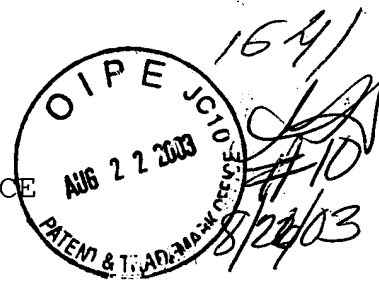


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF July 16, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire Saturday, August 16, 2003, extendable to Monday August 18, 2003 kindly enter the following response:

Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required under 35 USC 121:

I. Claims 1-13 and 17-18, drawn to articles of manufacture, classified in class 435, subclass 287.2.

II. Claims 14-16, drawn to a process for detecting a toxic substance, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

Election

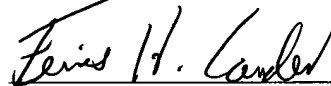
Applicant here elects without traverse Group I (claims 1-13 and 17-18) for prosecution on the merits.

It is understood that claims 14-16 drawn to the non-elected invention, will remain pending, albeit withdrawn from further consideration in the application.

CONCLUSION

Now that applicants have fully responded to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003, an examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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